BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

1. By all your saints still striving, For all your saints at rest,
   *2. Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng
3. Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son

1. Your holy Name, O Jesus, For ever more be blessed.
2. Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song:
3. And sing to God the Spirit Eternal Three in One,

1. You rose, our King victorious, That they might wear the crown
2. For them and those whose witness Is only known to you
3. Till all the ransomed number Who stand before the throne,

1. And ever shine in splendor Reflect ed from your throne.
2. By walking in their footsteps We give you praise anew.
3. A scribe all pow’r and glory And praise to God alone.

*This verse may be replaced by an appropriate Alternate Verse found on the following two pages.
Alternate Verses

Conversion of St. Paul (January 25)
4. Praise for the light from heaven
   And for the voice of awe:
   Praise for the glorious vision
   The persecutor saw.
   O Lord, for Paul’s conversion,
   We bless your Name today.
   Come shine within our darkness
   And guide us in the Way.

Chair of St. Peter (February 22)
5. We praise you, Lord, for Peter,
   So eager and so bold:
   Thrice falling, yet repentant,
   Thrice charged to feed your fold.
   Lord, make your pastors faithful
   To guard your flock from harm
   And hold them when they waver
   With your almighty arm.

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)
6. All praise, O God, for Joseph,
   The guardian of your Son,
   Who saved him from King Herod,
   When safety there was none.
   He taught the trade of builder,
   When they to Nazareth came,
   And Joseph’s love made “Father”
   To be, for Christ, God’s name.

Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)
7. We sing with joy of Mary
   Whose heart with awe was stirred
   When youthful and unready
   She heard the angel’s word;
   Yet she her voice upraises
   God’s glory to proclaim,
   As once for our salvation
   Your mother she became.

St. Mark (April 25)
8. For Mark, O Lord, we praise you,
   The weak by grace made strong:
   His witness in his Gospel
   Becomes victorious song.
   May we, in all our weakness,
   Receive your power divine,
   And all, as faithful branches,
   Grow strong in you, the Vine.

St. Philip and James (May 3)
9. We praise you, Lord, for Philip,
   Blest guide to Greek and Jew,
   And for young James the faithful,
   Who heard and followed you,
   O grant us grace to know you,
   The victor in the strife,
   That we with all your servants
   May wear the crown of life.

St. Matthias (May 13)
10. For one in place of Judas,
    Th’apostles sought God’s choice:
    The lot fell to Matthias
    For whom we now rejoice.
    May we like true apostles
    Your holy Church defend,
    And not betray our calling
    But serve you to the end.

St. Barnabas (June 11)
11. For Barnabas we praise you,
    Who kept your law of love
    And, leaving earthly treasures,
    Sought riches from above.
    O Christ, our Lord and Savior,
    Let gifts of grace descend,
    That your true consolation
    May through the world extend.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)
12. All praise for John the Baptist,
    Forerunner of the Word,
    Our true Elijah, making
    A highway for the Lord.
    The last and greatest prophet,
    He saw the dawning ray
    Of light that grows in splendor
    Until the perfect day.

Ss. Peter and Paul (June 29)
13. We praise you for Saint Peter;
    We praise you for Saint Paul.
    They taught both Jew and Gentile
    That Christ is all in all.
    To cross and sword they yielded
    And saw the kingdom come:
    O God, your two apostles
    Won life through martyrdom.
St. Thomas (July 3)  
14. All praise, O Lord, for Thomas  
   Whose short-lived doubtings prove  
   Your perfect twofold nature,  
   The depth of your true love.  
To all who live with questions  
   A steadfast faith alford;  
   And grant us grace to know you,  
   Made flesh, yet God and Lord.

St. Mary Magdalene (July 22)  
15. All praise for Mary Mag’d’lene,  
   Whose wholeness was restored  
   By you, her faithful Master,  
   Her Savior and her Lord.  
On Easter morning early,  
   A word from you sufficed:  
   Her faith was first to see you,  
   Her Lord, the risen Christ.

St. James (July 25)  
16. O Lord, for James, we praise you,  
   Who fell to Herod’s sword.  
   He drank the cup of suff’ring  
   And thus fulfilled your word.  
Lord, curb our vain impatience  
   For glory and for fame,  
   Equip us for such suff’ring  
   As glorify your Name.

St. Bartholomew (August 24)  
17. Praise for your blest apostle  
   Surnamed Bartholomew;  
   We know not his achievements  
   But know that he was true,  
For he at the Ascension  
   Was an apostle still.  
   May we discern your presence  
   And seek, like him, your will.

St. Matthew (September 21)  
18. We praise you, Lord, for Matthew,  
   Whose gospel words declare  
   Your path of life we share.  
   From all unrighteous mammon,  
   O raise our eyes anew,  
   That we, whate’er our station  
   May rise and follow you.

St. Luke (October 18)  
19. For Luke, belov’d physician,  
   All praise; whose Gospel shows  
   The healer of the nations,  
   The one who shares our woes.

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